

KANSAS.

ARRIVAL OF THE ARRESTED IMMIGRANTS.

From Our Special Correspondent.

LAWRENCE, K. T., Oct. 16, 1856.

Last night the larger portion of the train of immigrants recently from the northern route arrived in Lawrence. These numbered about two hundred persons in all—men, women and children—although the greater portion of them were men. They came in charge of Messrs. Perry, Eldridge, Pomeroy, and others. They had a large wagon train, and good horses and teams. The company was made up of small parties from different sections of the North and West, who had formed into a large body for security in entering the Territory. Most of the men marched into town, and presented a fine appearance. They drew their wagons in a circle at the head of Massachusetts street, on the brow of the hill overlooking the Kaw River, and their camp-fires glimmered last night in its dark waters. They have commenced to break up and disperse to different occupations and parts of the Territory already, and in a few days will be quietly absorbed among the population.

This is the same party that was violently arrested and taken prisoners some five days ago by Col. Cooke with several companies of United States dragoons. The affair occurred close to the Nebraska frontier. The party then, I have been informed, numbered between 300 and 400.

Never suspecting that they were to meet resistance from any source at that time, much less from the regular military force of the country, the immigrant train was struggling across the frontier in a long irregular line of teams, extending for nearly five miles; just such a train as may be seen among immigrants who travel all day and camp all night, and who, laboring under no serious apprehension, submit to no very special restraint. Thus it was that the Kansas immigrants ran into, or struggled into, Col. Cooke's command of dragoons, who were drawn up in battle array. It was a regular surprise party. The dragoons, under orders, had been scouring the country close to the northern frontier, hunting for the invading "Abolitionists" with zeal stimulated by the threats and adjurations of the distressed Oligarchs. These were the first articles in the shape of "Abolitionists" they had come to; so forming in martial array, squadron on squadron, they made a grand capture, the thing being done in detail as the party came up. This magnificent exploit—which ought to recommend Col. Cooke for promotion, to a discriminating Administration—was of course bloodless, as the immigrants did not see any necessity for fighting. The dragoons then proceeded to search the wagons for arms, and as they did so with evident desire to "probe matters to the bottom," they succeeded in getting upward of 200 guns of different kinds, beside revolvers and other arms. Having committed this stylish piece of official felony, they very graciously took the whole train, teams, wagons and all, prisoners, and instead of "driving them out," escorted them in durane to Lecompton, where they were to be devolved over to condign punishment.

Meantime, some of the party whose experience of Kansas matters did not make them very easy as to their position, and the probable sequel of affairs, and who remembered that the "powers that be" in this land of "Squatter Sovereignty" do pretty much as they please, began to leave in an uneventuous and irregular way, the cavalcade diminishing in numbers as it approached its destination. It is supposed that a few of the most timid of these have returned to Nebraska and Iowa, but I think it is likely, from what I can learn, that most of them will turn up in the Territory yet.

As the captured train was being led thus by the dragoons, some gentlemen connected with it, having been permitted, rode to Lecompton, to complain to the Governor. Governor Geary, remembering that he had a "Presidential candidate on his shoulders," thought it best, doubtless, to go and see what kind of a haul of fish Col. Cooke had made. He accordingly rode up to Topeka, and discovered that his dragoons had been obeying their orders after a most orthodox style, and that he had on his hands a large number of teams and wagons, with other miscellaneous equipment gear, beside some women and children, and some two hundred American citizens, charged with the monstrous crime of emigrating to the Free Territories in search of a home. With these aspects of the case strongly before him, and none of the Border Ruffians near to denounce such a dangerous influx of Free voters, Governor Geary had no alternative but to order that they be set at liberty, and Col. Cooke had to discharge his prisoners. What the dragon officers think of being first ordered to intercept "Abolitionists," and then, after all their trouble, to have them taken out of their fingers and set at liberty, and that too without even hanging a few of them in order to keep up an appearance of consistency, I cannot say. Doubtless they think that "Squatter Sovereignty" is a hard doctrine to enunciate. One thing is worthy of remark, however. The arms stolen by the dragoons from the train have not been returned, but are in the hands of the dragoons or the Governor. By what authority this disarming and robbing of American citizens has been done, I should like to know. The train, having been thus released, marched from Topeka, yesterday morning, and last evening, as I have stated, what was left of the train entered Lawrence about sundown, having traveled twenty-five miles yesterday. As they entered Lawrence, the "stars and stripes" floated over them.

Yesterday afternoon there was a good deal of excitement at Lecompton, when it was learned that Gov. Geary had permitted the emigrant train to come in. Threats of the severest and wildest kind were made, and mutterings that "if the Abolitionists were not to be kept out by the troops, the 'Law and Order' men could keep them out." Whether this will lead to a new Russif outbreak remains to be seen. What if it does? All the authorities will do will be to beg them to leave, and even after they have committed outrages to let them leave scathless; while the Free-State men are rendered defenseless, or arrested if they dare defend themselves.

The special term of the Federal Court has languished through the three first days of this week and done nothing. The Grand Jury have not yet made up their report or completed their indictments. From what I could ascertain of the state of affairs yesterday evening the Grand Jury will probably report this evening. It is difficult to tell with any certainty what a Grand Jury is doing, but I have reason to believe that of the hundred and upward of Free-State men who have been ignominiously and cruelly held as prisoners by Titus and his crew, under Gov. Geary's orders, for weeks back, the Grand Jury will not be able to find bills against, nor will it be safe to go to trial with more than a dozen of the whole lot, as it will be impossible to get a particle of testimony against the other. What will

be done in the premises it is not easy to guess. To two nine-tenths of them loose after so severe and arbitrary a confinement, would only show in the plainest way the outrage that has been committed on these poor men, who, beside their sufferings, have been kept from their labors during the most important months of the year. Beside all this, setting them at liberty even now, would excite the ire of the Border Ruffians, who gloat over these persecutions well knowing that they sicken the cause of Free Kansas, and tend to drive a freedom-loving people from a land cursed by such tyranny.

I have learned one fact that is worth mentioning at Lecompton this week. Gov. Geary has accepted four companies of volunteers, Pro-slavery militia, who are stationed at Lecompton under pay. These are under command of the infamous Col. Titus, and it is they who guard the Free State prisoners. Most of them are recently imported Southerners, who, but for such support, would be billeted in Missouri at present. There are, however, no fewer than sixty seven of them who do not hesitate to avow that they are Missourians, and intend to remain Missourians, but that they merely were in the Territory to settle the Slavery question. So the world goes in Kansas.

EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE HERMANN.

The United States mail-steamer Hermann, Capt. Higgins, from Bremen via Southampton, Oct. 8, arrived yesterday morning, bringing 262 passengers, and a full and valuable cargo of German, French and English merchandise.

BRITAIN.

AMERICAN FILLIBUSTERS AT PANAMA.

From The London Times, Oct. 7.

Is the Central American question really to come on again? We consigned it only three or four days ago on an honorable grave, and made a funeral oration over it. We briefly epitomized its history from infancy to middle age, and from middle age to manhood. The last interview we had with it was in the shape of a document, the name of "Clarendon" and "Hornet" at the bottom. That document finally disposed of the difficulty of British occupation of Central America, and with the disposal of that difficulty the whole question seemed at rest. In the grave to open and the carpet to come to life again? This Central American ghost is a very difficult one to lay, and, though everybody has been saying "Rest, rest, putter-pot spirit," for a long time, it seems to be out again with the cock-a-roaring for American cooks are very powerful crows. No English cock's crow, not even the unearthly guttural of the Cochinchin China, can call up ghosts nowadays. But the Washington breed appear to have this miraculous power, and to be *en rapport* with the subterranean kingdom. Washington magics has the power of raising dead questions to life again, so that when everybody is comfortably asleep, in the faith that some old topic of strife is at last entirely and finally settled, and never will be heard of again, in walks the ghost. How often have the words been repeated something like this, "It will be settled this or four days." Well, the American question is settled at last; that is a "good thing over?" But is it settled? Here is the conclusion of the report of the United States Commissioner, Mr. Amos B. Corwin, with reference to certain disturbances at Panama, attended with loss of life to some American citizens connected with or present by the new railway.

A full and accurate account on our recent visit to the interior of the Isthmus, from east to ocean, by the United States Commissioner to the Republic of Panama, and transmitted to the New-York Tribune in proper time, shows that these disturbances have been made, and the necessary demands made upon her in consequence of treaty stipulations, can satisfy us to her justice and inclination to do the proper thing, and to make amends for the wrongs inflicted upon our countrymen by the people and officials of the State of Panama.

The Cabinet at Washington is now sitting upon this proposal, and, though Mr. Marcy is understood to be against it, it is reported to be backed by the President and Mr. Jefferson Davis. It is unnecessary, of course, to say that such a proceeding could not possibly be allowed by the British Government, and that the trial of the American question has in a large measure been decided in the favor of the United States.

The public revenue is augmented, as I have just said, in a rather remarkable degree. The taxes are paid with the most exact punctuality and even in advance. Money flows into the public exchequer. The payment of the dividends of the last six months has left us with a reserve of \$16,000,000. It must be evident to every man of sense that these are the evidences of a situation which is good at bottom.

The embarrassment now felt does not, therefore, arise from any fundamental vice, but from transient causes.

The situation of the Treasury, which is an excellent one, is a new proof this.

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For these reasons, Sir, I have thought it right, in preparing the budget of 1858, to lay aside the present moment, and to take the natural and normal movement of the public fortune as the basis of my estimates.

At the same time, being desirous of limiting as far as possible the chances of supplementary credits, I have, in a rather remarkable degree, increased the taxes used for the public expenditure.

"The movement which was ascribed to the Exhibition, has not ceased in 1857. It was believed and asserted that it would cease; but that was a complete error.

The result, in fact, has been desirous as to that point. If the amount of the products of the country in 1856 had been owing to an accidental cause, we should have seen, what always happens after a great effort, a sudden pause in our industrial progress, and the products of 1856 would have fallen off and descended even to less than those of 1855.

"I am happy to be able to state, Sir, that the contraband has actually happened.

"Not but that the amount of the year 1856 has attained and exceeded—not, at least up to this time of the year, the extraordinary amount of 1855, compared—but the first months of the present year, compared with the corresponding months of last year, give us a considerable increase.

"This increase comes to \$3,000,000 as compared with 1855, and nearly 20,000,000 as compared with 1854, in the first half year only.

"It is true that the comparison for the month of August is less favorable—but that is immaterial, for it is to be explained by the dynamics of taxes by anticipation. The month of August, 1855, occasioned by a partial and temporary suspension of the newly-imposed tenth. This partial falling off will, moreover, be soon compensated for.

The information we have received enables us to expect an increase of above £2,000,000 for the month of September.

Upon the whole, the augmented revenue from the old taxes, and the sum derived from the new taxes, together constitute an excess of about \$2,000,000 above the amount of the estimated revenue for the first months of this current year.

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